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A long time coming

► Three sisters reunite after 50 years ► Members of the family will get together Saturday
► Their birth father died two days before two of the sisters arrived in Calgary



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It's a reunion more than 50 years in the making, but after meeting for the first time, three sisters say they feel like they've never left each other's side.

Calgarian Peggie Crookes was the oldest of eight children, and when four of her siblings were adopted out in the 1960s, Crookes said she always wanted to find them.

"In a way, I always felt guilty because I felt it was my fault they were adopted because I wasn't there to look after them," she said.

After years of searching, Crookes was sent a letter in the spring with her sister Lucille Bruce's contact information.

"I had a hard time talking," said Bruce of the first time Crookes called her.

Shortly after receiving the call from Crookes, Bruce said she and their other sister Liz Condie met for the first time in Ontario where they both hail from.

"As soon as Lucy and I met, we

Difficult to search

► **Adopted.** Because Peggie Crookes was not adopted herself, she said she was unable to find her siblings.

► **Birth family.** Both Lucille Bruce and Liz Condie started looking for their birth family in the 1990s.

► **Moving.** Crookes moved to Calgary from Ontario 25 years ago.

decided we were coming out (to Calgary)," said Condie.

Although all three had never been in the same room together, they say there was an instant connection.

"It's just like finding a piece of a puzzle that fell under the chesterfield and you know it's there and you finally find it and put the last piece in," said Condie.

Crookes added, "It's like something I should have had all my life but didn't."



► Calgarian Peggie Crookes, centre, and her two sisters Lucille Bruce, left, and Liz Condie reunited for the first time in more than 50 years. The three posed for a photo yesterday at Crooke's northwest home.

Legislation

Leaving room for debate

► Calgary traffic-ticket defender says new distracted-driving legislation leaves 'a lot of grey area' {page 3}

Taking over Libya

Rebels storm Gadhafi compound {page 8}



Magnet for artists

Gabriola Island in British Columbia the perfect getaway for the creative set {page 20}



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Law's 'grey area' to fuel appeals

- ▶ Distracted-driving legislation coming into effect Sept. 1
- ▶ Police say they're planning 'common sense' approach with enforcement



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Calgary traffic-ticket defenders are revving up to challenge fines issued under new distracted-driving legislation.

The law prohibiting hand-held phone usage and other attention-diverting activities behind the wheel comes into effect next week throughout Alberta.

"There's going to be a lot of grey area," said 15-year traffic-defence agent Stewart Dixon. "If you are not paying attention and a cop pulls up behind you, how are they going to tell?"

Calgary police Staff Sgt. Michael Watterston told media yesterday police are treating the new law as if it were any other piece of legislation.

"If we do see incidents where a motorist is a hazard on the road ... then the

Minute issues

- ▶ Traffic agent Brian Livingston said minute issues — for example, the number of buttons a motorist can press to activate a hands-free device — could become the focus of court disputes.
- ▶ Violators of the Alberta's distracted-driving legislation could be slapped with a \$172 fine.

officers are going to stop that motorist," he said.

Traffic agent Brian Livingston believes early court cases will be important in determining how the law is applied.

"There's the letter of the law and then there's also the spirit of the law," he said. "There's a bunch of wording in this that is going to possibly be challenged, corrected, amended. Sometimes it's a little broad and (could) encompass anything."



▶ This Alberta motorist will be breaking the law by talking on his phone as of Sept. 1.

Digital technology used to warn of emergency

Since the implementation of the new Alberta Emergency Alert system, 11 critical and information alerts have been issued.

The new system includes a broader range of alerts, including through social media and online at a

dedicated website (emergencyalert.alberta.ca).

Phasing in the new system began June 28, while a public-education campaign began Aug. 1, encouraging Albertans to visit the new website and join the Facebook and Twitter pages.

The first provincewide test of the new system is scheduled for mid-September.

Alerts are also issued on radio and television in the event of imminent life-threatening danger.

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News in brief

Guilty pleas likely in sex assault cases

Reports indicate an HIV-positive Calgary man is planning to plead guilty to two counts of sexual assault. Xavier Robert Bissonnette's lawyer ap-

peared in court yesterday and asked to have the matter put over until Sept. 19. ● METRO

Measles case confirmed

A case of measles has been confirmed in the Edmonton area, and Alberta Health Services is warning those who may have been in contact with the ill person. ● METRO

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Privacy czar says breach reports rising

PRIVACY. Since it became mandatory in May of last year to report all personal information breaches that could pose significant harm to an individual, Alberta's privacy commissioner Frank Work says more than 90 files have been

opened, stretching his staff to the limit. ● METRO

Convict hurled bomb made of urine, feces

CRIME. Hurling a feces-and-urine bomb at a fellow Calgary inmate at the Calgary Remand Centre has reportedly netted a 33-year-old man more jail time.

Jeremy Edward Bemis was sentenced to nine more months behind bars.

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Non-profit picks up pieces

- Thieves smash door, take laptops from Alberta Rescue Foundation office
- Stray animal rescue hopes to move to facility to keep cats and dogs



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Security systems are being priced out after the Alberta Rescue Foundation was broken into early Monday morning.

The non-profit organization, which rescues stray dogs and cats from First Nations and rural

communities, moved in to the southeast office space just over seven weeks ago.

"It's kind of a stepping stone to our Pad for Paws. We're fundraising for an actual facility where we can keep animals," said ARF's Julie Felber.

Felber estimated the total cost to replace the two laptops that were stolen

and the front door that was smashed will be about \$5,000 to \$6,000.

"We've got three big events coming up, which we were trying to focus on, so now obviously we're spending time getting our feet back on the ground."

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U.S. tremor felt far and wide

► People scurried onto city streets
► Some flights were put on hold, while trains ran at slower speeds

One of the strongest earthquakes ever recorded on the East Coast of the U.S. shook buildings and rattled nerves yesterday, forcing the evacuation of parts of the Capitol, White House and Pentagon.

There were no immediate reports of deaths, but there were some injuries. The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake registered magnitude 5.8 and was centred about 64 kilometres northwest of Richmond, Va. Two nuclear reactors at the North Anna Power Station were automatically taken off line by safety systems.

U.S. President Barack Obama led a conference call with administration officials, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Shaky ground

- **People from across central and eastern Canada**, including residents of Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and London reported feeling effects including rumbling desks and swaying buildings.
- **Earthquake Canada said** Canadians weren't feeling tremors or aftershocks, just waves from the quake.
- **More than 12 million** people live close enough to the quake's epicentre to have felt shaking.
- **Social media sites lit up** with first-hand accounts from Canada and the U.S.
- **In 1897, a magnitude-5.9** quake at Giles County, Va., was the strongest ever recorded in the state.



► Office workers gather on the sidewalk in downtown Washington, D.C., yesterday moments after a 5.8-magnitude tremor shook the U.S. capital.

New NDP front-runner already on the horizon

One of Jack Layton's closest advisers is emerging as a surprise front-runner to pick up the torch from the fallen NDP leader.

Insiders say party president Brian Topp is receiving a lot of encouragement from influential quarters to join the impending race to succeed Layton, who died on Monday.

Topp is one of the key architects of Layton's success and was among the last of Layton's tight-knit inner circle to speak with him be-

fore his death. Montreal MP Thomas Mulcair, Layton's deputy leader, is widely considered the only other prospective candidate to have a serious shot at taking Layton's place.

Signs of leadership jockeying emerged yesterday even as plans were drawn up for Layton's body to lie in state on Parliament Hill and Toronto City Hall before a state funeral in Toronto on Saturday.

His closed casket will rest for visitation in the foy-



► Melanie d'Esterre reads from a wall that has been made into a tribute to the late NDP leader Jack Layton at Nathan Phillips Square in Toronto yesterday.

er outside the House of Commons.

The lying-in-state will be open to the public today from 12:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. ET, and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET. He will receive a 15-gun salute as he leaves Parliament Hill.

Layton's casket will then rest "in repose" at Toronto City Hall all day Friday and Saturday morning before a state funeral at Roy Thomson Hall that afternoon.

The state funeral, normally accorded only to cur-

rent and former prime ministers, current cabinet ministers and governors general, was offered by Prime Minister Stephen Harper out of respect for Layton's stature.

Topp, meanwhile, declined to comment on his possible leadership aspirations. "We lost Jack yesterday and his funeral is on Saturday," Topp said in an interview. "It's not appropriate to talk about his successor this week."

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A history of political asylum

Where have ousted dictators gone?

With still no trace of Moammar Ghaddafi, Metro takes a look at where past ousted leaders have fled.

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Jean-Bédél Bokassa



The former Emperor and second president of the Central African

Republic was ousted in 1979 and fled to France.

He came back in 1986 and was later imprisoned for six years for treason and murder.

Jean-Claude (Baby Doc) Duvalier



Haiti's former dictator found shelter in France. He

settled in Paris, where he lived in luxury with his wives. Early this year, he returned to Haiti and was taken into custody for corruption and theft.

Zine Al-Abidine Ben Ali



Tunisia's former president and his wife have been sentenced in absentia to 35 years of prison while they currently enjoy a golden exile in Saudi Arabia.

Ferdinand Marcos

The Filipino dictator was lucky enough to be friends with former U.S. president Reagan, who suggested he escape to Hawaii when massive riots broke out in Manila.



Saddam Hussein

Some of the bloodiest dictators were not able to escape. Iraq's former leader was found in a tiny 'spider hole' cellar in 2003 and hanged three years later.



Rebels take Tripoli

► Anti-Gadhafi forces have taken over most of the country ► Libyan leader's hometown city, Sirte, is one of few areas still under his control

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► Rebel fighters trample on a bust of Moammar Ghaddafi inside the main compound in Bab al-Aziziya in Tripoli yesterday.

Hundreds of Libyan rebels stormed Moammar Ghaddafi's compound yesterday, charging wildly through the symbolic heart of the crumbling regime as they killed loyalist troops, looted armouries and knocked the head off a statue of the besieged dictator. But they found no sign of the man himself.

The storming of Bab al-Aziziya, long the nexus of Ghaddafi's power, marked the effective collapse of his 42-year-old regime. But with Ghaddafi and his powerful sons still unaccounted for, and gunbattles flaring across the nervous city, the fighters cannot declare victory.

Hours after the battle erupted, a pro-Gadhafi TV channel quoted the Libyan leader as saying he retreated from his Tripoli compound in a "tactical move" after 64 NATO airstrikes turned it to rubble. Al-Rai TV said it would air the comments in full and reported an excerpt in which Ghaddafi vowed his forces would resist "the aggression with all strength" until either victory or death.

His government's chief spokesman also managed to get word out in a phone interview with the same

station, promising "we will be back to take Tripoli back."

The rebel force entered the compound after fighting for five hours with Ghaddafi loyalists outside, using mortars, heavy machine-guns and anti-aircraft guns. They killed some of those who defended the compound and hauled off thousands of rifles, crates of weapons and trucks with guns mounted on the back in a frenzy of looting.

"We're looking for Ghaddafi now. We have to find him now," said Sohaib Ne-fati, a rebel sitting against a wall with a Kalashnikov

rifle.

Abdel-Aziz Shafiya, a 19-year-old rebel dressed in camouflage with a rocket-propelled grenade slung over one shoulder and a Kalashnikov over the other, said the rebels believed Ghaddafi was inside the compound but hiding underground.

"Wasn't he the one who called us rats? Now he is the rat underground," he said.

Shafiya said he felt "an explosion of joy" to be standing inside Ghaddafi's stronghold in the capital after a lightning-quick rebel advance.

"I lost friends and relatives and now I can walk into Ghaddafi's house," Shafiya said, choking up with emotion. "Many of my friends have died and now all of that meant something."

In Tripoli's Green Square, hundreds of rebels celebrated, dancing and clapping and waving the rebel flag and firing celebratory gunfire in the air.

Libya's former deputy ambassador to the United Nations, Ibrahim Dabbashi, said he expected the entire country would be in rebel hands within 72 hours.

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I used to sing in the shower, but the SPCA came by one day and confiscated my dog. Some neighbour thought that horrible noise could only be the beseeching cries of an abused animal and called it in.

"I can only guess these audio-assisted thrushes have moved up through the bars and bubble-tea joints of the world and asking them to sing without their beloved music machine would be like asking Lady Gaga to appear in public without her meat dress."

er sounds better no matter how many drinks you have.

So imagine my, er, delight when I discovered there's a World Karaoke Championship, where they actually encourage these people with cash prizes and recording contracts. This year, it's in Killarney, Ireland, from Sept. 8-10. You might want to vacation in France this year.

The last one was held in Moscow, and they should have the broken glass cleared up in time for the 2014 Winter Olympics. The World Karaoke Championship website quickly points out that this contest bears no resemblance to the usual alcohol-fuelled caterwauling in bars — these people can really sing.

But if they can really sing, why do they need the cheesy canned arrangements and backup singers? Why not just ... sing? I can only guess these audio-assisted thrushes have moved up through the bars and bubble-tea joints of the world and asking them to sing without their beloved music machine would be like asking Lady Gaga to appear in public without her meat dress.

It's part of the act.

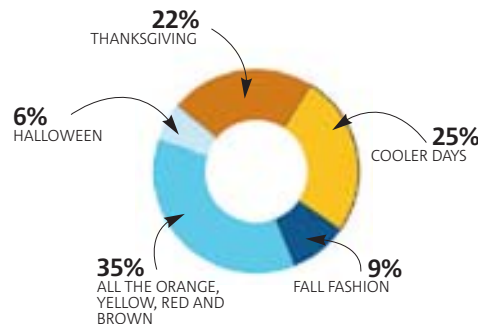
There are two British Columbians representing Canada at the 2011 Killarney blarney fest. To Trevor Dunn and Jerrica Santos, I say: Good luck and stay away from Sweet Home Alabama. That one's mine.

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With fall around the corner, what are you looking forward to most?



Letters

Jack Layton's passing is an unequivocal tragedy in the Canadian political arena. It was difficult to separate Jack Layton from his politics, not because one overrode the other, but because they were synonymous.

Layton tried to revitalize politics — fighting to give it a good name again — with unrelenting commitment to tolerance, compassion, and social justice. His death exemplifies that the politics of generosity and compassion aren't weak.

They reflect the inner goodness that not only constitutes the historical ordinance of Canada, but also humanity.

Layton, throughout his political career, dared to reimagine Canada, attempting to reroot it as a beacon of diversity and social justice. He proved that when you truly embody your personal convictions in your politics, you will not only be heard but respected.

Layton was heard loud and clear in May, when the NDP took over as the official opposition for the first time in history; and today that man with the cane — a charismatic and passionate Canadian — is being remembered.

ZAIN VELJI
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WEIRD NEWS

Sign of rogue panda disturbs motorists

Authorities in Flagstaff, Ariz., are assuring residents there are no rogue pandas roaming the city after some pranksters got creative with an electronic street sign.

The Arizona Department of Transportation-controlled sign was set up to warn drivers not to make left turns at a busy intersection. But motorists heading to work Monday morning got an entirely different

message: "Rogue panda on rampage."

A passerby reported the hacked sign to police at about 3 a.m. yesterday.

Transportation Department spokeswoman Mackenzie Nuno says the sign was restored to its original message by 11 a.m.

She says the agency has no suspects, but she noted the hackers would have needed specialized equipment to change the sign.

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Local tweets



► **@petrodude_:** Just saw a jump in pump price of 1.16/L ... must be all this recession talk and market crashes #yyc

► **@littlebeanshoes:** hey jerk-hole guy on a yellow motorcycle in #yyc - get over yourself! thanks!

► **@splorp:** Still no earthquake in #yyc ... bummer.

► **@ReagRoo:** Haven't checked twitter in so long! Survived house boating and excited to be driving back to #yyc now.

► **@Duesy:** to the person in #yyc that just keyed my

car.... you ruined my day and my car.....

► **@calg_kiaguy:** @KyleMacQuarrie @Calgaryradar this lady turning told me she did not use her left signal cause she was on her cel phone. Pathetic eh? #Yyc,

► **@icameforthefood:** Just had lunch a ghetto-bad restaurant. Ech. So disappointing. #yyc

► **@TwittmeAvery:** It may be 20 degrees in #yyc, but Autumn is definitely in the air...

► **@kaylarockey:** Sun is so hot today!!! I have one foot hanging out the window as I drive around #yyc #isthissafe #awesomesolofoottan #needabikini



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► Nine-million-dollar smile: Akshay Kothari attended Facebook class and founded Pulse.com, a news aggregator that now has five million users.

Think rich with Facebook class

► Mark Zuckerberg who? Stanford University students learn how to create equally successful biz plans



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The company founded and run by Evan Reas has 10 employees and \$6 million in investor funding. Reas's business concept is simple: his website, lal.com, allows college students to flirt online. And U.S. college students apparently don't get to flirt enough in real life — thousands have signed up.

Reas himself is still just 26. He's one of the super-entrepreneurs trained at Stanford University's "Facebook class."

"The class was extremely practical," says Reas.

"(Professor B.J. Fogg) taught us the theory of entrepreneurship, but expected us to use it in the real world and try it out with small experiments to attempt to do it ourselves," says Reas.

"He wanted us to talk to users and to get real data ourselves rather than just reading it in a book."

The class, launched by Fogg and Dave McClure in 2007, hasn't just spawned Reas and lal.com. In fact, its main result is a new generation of companies that make money on Facebook apps. The first-year students designed apps that attracted 16 million users.

"The concept of this class had never been tried before," explains Professor Fogg. "The students built real things and put them out in the world. I told them to drop out if they didn't like challenges."

Their seminar was, in essence, a boot camp for future Silicon Valley stars. Many are now millionaires, at least on paper.

Akshay Kothari, 25, took the class last year and founded Pulse.me, an app that allows users to create a screen mosaic of their favourite news sites.

Since launching 14

"You should be able to create a business idea and launch it within 40 minutes."

PROF. B.J. FOGG,

months ago, Pulse has gained million users, \$10 million in funding and an endorsement from Steve Jobs.

Fogg says starting a successful company is actually fairly simple. "The biggest mistake companies make is to overthink," he says.

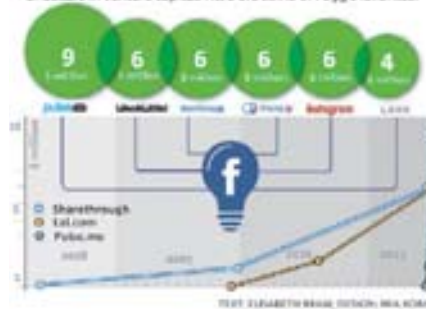
"They make their products too complicated, add way too many features, and delay launching for fear of failure. Successful apps are simple, social and fun."

Creative payoff

- Professor BJ Fogg directs Stanford's Persuasive Technology Lab. The prof changes the class each year. This year, he taught students how to use technology to reduce people's stress.
- Several weeks after the 2007 Facebook class ended, the students' Facebook apps had 24 million users.
- Many of the students have sold their ideas to existing companies or started companies featuring their apps.

From zero to millions in a year

Many of the companies created as classroom assignments in Professor BJ Fogg's "Facebook class" have turned into real-life companies. And many of them have already received millions of dollars in venture capital. Here are some of Fogg's favorites:



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News in brief

Tag — you're not it anymore

FACEBOOK FRIENDS. Facebook will now let you decide whether friends can attach your name to a photo before it's posted.

The change won't affect friends adding photos of you, only whether your

name is attached to it.
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Goodlife gets big strife

FITNESS. Goodlife Fitness Centres has paid a \$300,000 penalty for using automated systems to call members without permission.

The CRTC said that 60 calls had been made from May to December 2010.

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KFC arrives in East Africa

CHICKEN. Good news for chicken lovers: KFC just opened its first restaurant in Kenya.

KFC sits in a new wing of a Nairobi mall and is the first U.S. fast food outlet in East Africa's most developed economy.

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Lois Lane actress arrested at protest

50 During a peaceful protest Saturday, 50 environmental activists were arrested and spent two nights in jail.

Canadian actress Margot Kidder was among the latest slate of environmentalists to be arrested outside the White House yesterday, handcuffed and sent to jail on the fourth day of a two-week civil disobedience campaign against Trans-Canada's Keystone XL pipeline.

Kidder, born in Yellowknife but now living in Montana as an American citizen, was arrested alongside fellow Canadian actress Tantoo Cardinal by U.S. Park Police for refusing to vacate a White House sidewalk.

U.S. President Barack Obama will decide by the end of the year whether to allow Calgary-based Trans-Canada to build the \$7-billion US pipeline. It would transport millions of barrels of Alberta oilsands crude a week through the U.S. and to Gulf Coast refineries.

"We're the first state the pipeline goes through," Kidder, 62, best known for playing Lois Lane in four Superman movies, said before her arrest.

She marched from Lafayette Square north of the White House to the sidewalk lining the presidential residence.

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British phone-hacking scandal sizzles on

📌 Documents suggest James Murdoch misled lawmakers

It's the crisis that just won't go away.

Britain's phone hacking scandal, where journalists at the News of the World tabloid eavesdropped on the voice mails of royals, celebrities, politicians and even a teenage murder victim, has shaken Rupert Murdoch's News Corp and the highest levels of government.

Top people in Murdoch's empire and the police have been forced out. Prime Minister David Cameron's judgment has been questioned for hiring a former editor implicated in the scandal.

With the arrests of 15 people and extra police officers drafted in to work the developing case, the details just keep on unraveling — slowly and painfully — mirroring top players in a morass of bad publicity.

In the latest twist, the BBC reported that the for-



► Conservative party communications chief Andy Coulson speaks on the phone in Battersea Power Station in London.

"This isn't going to go away.... This is a huge story."

IVOR GABER, PROFESSOR OF MEDIA AND POLITICS, UNIVERSITY OF BEDFORDSHIRE

mer editor of the tabloid at the heart of the scandal received payments and benefits from the paper while

working as a Cameron aide.

Andy Coulson continued to receive severance pay amounting to several hundred thousand dollars from the now-defunct News of the World for months after he was hired by Cameron, according to BBC. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Italian unions call for strike

Italian union leaders are calling a one-day general strike for Sept. 6, saying new spending cuts and taxes are unfair as they will penalize workers.

CGIL, a left-leaning labour confederation, announced the date yesterday.

Union leaders contend

that Premier Silvio Berlusconi's emergency package of spending cuts and new taxes will not stimulate growth, but the taxes will put an unfair burden on workers drawing pay-cheques because of widespread tax evasion by the self-employed.

Parliament returns to work Sept. 6 after a month-long vacation to debate austerity measures Berlusconi insists will calm financial markets and convince European central bankers Italy is serious about reducing its huge debt.

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He's back



Arnold Schwarzenegger will be making his movie comeback in New Mexico. The Valencia County New-Bulletin reports the movie Last Stand will start filming in Belen, N.M., in October.

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Handwritten letter from author Kathryn Stockett becomes focal point in 'The Help' lawsuit



► Zoe Saldana re-defines the female assassin in Colombiana.

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Chances are the first movie assassin names that pop into your head are The Jackal, Martin Q. Blank or El Mariachi. What do they have in common, other than flashy names and a predilection for gunning down their on-screen enemies?

They're all men.

What about the ladies? Beatrix Kiddo, Charlie Baltimore or Jane Smith?

Jean Luc Goddard said, "all you need to make a

movie is a girl and a gun," and often these days filmmakers are placing that gun in the hands of female film assassins. Nikita is back on the tube and earlier this year Saoirse Ronan played a deadly 16-year-old in Hanna.

This weekend Avatar's Zoe Saldana is back as a stone-cold killer in Colombiana.

As Charlie Baltimore, Geena Davis created one of the screen's most loved female assassins in The Long Kiss Goodnight. Suffering from amnesia, when her past catches up with her she flip flops from suburban mom to killer.

Best Line?

"They're gonna blow

"They're gonna blow my head off, you know. This is the last time I'll ever be pretty."

GEENA DAVIS AS CHARLIE BALTIMORE IN THE LONG KISS GOODNIGHT

my head off, you know. This is the last time I'll ever be pretty."

Angelina Jolie's deadly demeanor has pumped up several action movies. Lara Croft was a gun-slinging super-heroine but she's also played assassins in two movies.

In Mr. and Mrs. Smith she's a hitlady assigned to kill her own on-screen

(and future real life) partner Brad Pitt.

"Still alive baby?" she purrs after trying to shoot him through a wall.

Also, as Fox in Wanted she was a member of the Fraternity, a deadly group of killers, with the useful ability to shoot around corners. Best line?

"We kill one, and maybe save a thousand. That's the code of the Fraternity."

The highest body count must go to Beatrix Kiddo, played by Uma Thurman in Kill Bill parts one and two.

As a bride done wrong by her former Deadly Viper Assassination Squad colleagues (including Vivi-

ca A. Fox plays Vernita Green and Lucy Liu as O-Ren Ishii), Kiddo slices and dices her way through more than 100 opponents.

But the two most unlikely female assassins on film were found in Leon: The Professional and Kick-Ass.

In the former Natalie Portman was a 12-year-old who learns how to kill from her teacher, Léon (Jean Reno), a skillful but sensitive hitman.

In Kick-Ass, a 2010 action-comedy starring Nicolas Cage and Chloë Moretz, Hit Girl (Moretz) asks her father (and assassin mentor) for a Benchmade model 42 butterfly knife for her 11th birthday.

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► Greyson Chance now building off his overnight Internet fame to find personal successes in the music industry

Greyson Chance has the unique distinction of being a YouTube sensation.

He grabbed attention worldwide (not to mention Web hits) for his own rendition of Lady Gaga's 'Paparazzi'.

At just 12 years old, he also caught the attention of talk-show host Ellen DeGeneres.

She invited him on her show, and was so impressed, she created a record label called eleveneleven and signed him as its first artist.

Now, Greyson is 14 years old and has spent the time since writing, recording songs and touring to establish himself in the music industry.

He released his first album called Hold on 'Til the Night earlier this month.

It debuted No. 29 on the Billboard album charts.



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► Wise beyond his years, Greyson Chance is turning his web fame into real success.

want to rush into something. You need to take your time, realize what you're doing, what you want to do, how to market yourself. And the music industry is a lot of business and it's a lot of politics.

You're very well spoken and wise for your age. Are you sure you're only 14?

Now that you're asking, I'm actually about to turn 14 this Christmas. I'm very excited. I'm going to spend it with the kids. You know, we're gonna have a good vacation, nice Christmas and it's gonna be good.

How involved is Ellen DeGeneres in your career?

She is very, very involved. She is always critiquing songs, artwork, everything.

What's the best piece of advice she's given you?

She told me, 'Do not change yourself,' and I really haven't. I've definitely evolved as an artist and as a person but I haven't changed myself one bit.

How are you with listening to your music or watching yourself perform?

I'm very hard on myself. ... We record the show every night and I go look back at it and I write notes about what to do, what looks good, what doesn't look good.

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He talked about his music, DeGeneres and how he's wise beyond his years during a recent interview.

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writer because I wrote more than half of the record.

You didn't rush to put out an album after getting a record deal. Was there a pressure to keep the momentum going?

I feel like you need to take time. You need to take time to build the process, gain the fans, put out the record and also build time to realize what the heck you're doing. You don't



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Kate Winslet saves Branson's mom from fire

► Sure, she let 'Jack' freeze in the water after the Titanic sunk, but real-life actress is something of a lifesaver ► House destroyed, but no one was hurt



► Kate Winslet

While vacationing in Richard Branson's estate on beautiful Necker Island, Kate Winslet narrowly escaped a massive fire that destroyed the home — and even carried Branson's 90-year-old mother, Eve, to safety. "[Winslet] was staying there with her children and in fact it was she who carried my mother out of the house," Branson tells

ITV News.

"She swept her up into her arms and got them out of the house as fast as possible."

Lightning during a tropical storm is said to be the cause of the fire.

"The main house is completely destroyed and the fire is not yet completely out," the billionaire Branson says.

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Ryan puts his 6-pack to use

Ryan Gosling can add peacekeeper to his resumé.

The actor broke up a scuffle in New York recently when a man tried to run off with a street vendor's painting, according to Us Weekly.

"The painter was able to stop him before he took off with him and tackled him to the ground," a source says.

"Before it got too violent a stranger appeared to separate them. It was Ryan Gosling! He was trying to understand the situation while keeping them from hurting each other."

Gosling apparently escorted the men out of the street, paid for the painting and sent them on their separate ways.

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► Ryan 'superman' Gosling

Fearing Charlie's wrath

Denise Richards reportedly turned down a guest-starring role on the season premiere of Two and a Half Men, the show from which her ex-husband, Charlie Sheen, was fired, according to TMZ.

Sources close to the

show say producers wanted Richards to appear alongside new series star Ashton Kutcher, but

Richards told them she wouldn't do

it, as "she would never hear the end of it from Charlie."

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► Denise Richards



► Victoria Beckham

Victoria ditches her high heels — for now anyway

Victoria Beckham is recovering from a slipped disc in her back, and appeared in public for the first time since the problem developed — and she wasn't wearing her trademark high-heels, according to Us Weekly.

It's been speculated that the slipped disc was caused at least in part by

Beckham's insistence to wear stilettos during her recent pregnancy.

"Thank you for your kind messages," Beckham posted on Twitter recently.

"I'm feeling much better and enjoying every precious minute with baby Harper. I'm so in love."

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Celebrity tweets



"The stewardess just included calculators in her list of devices that must be powered down for take off. And she said it in all sincerity."



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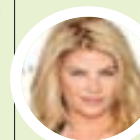
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"If you see a ruler in a gas station bathroom ... don't touch it."



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"The day some studio decides to remake To Kill A Mockingbird... imma kill all the mocking birds on earth. Thatll show em....er..that I'm nuts"



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"I like my women the way I like my coffee. Yup, I like blonde slutty coffee with low self esteem."

Third time's the charm

Jennifer Garner is pregnant once again, she and husband Ben Affleck confirmed to the Associated Press. This will be the couple's third child, joining daughters Violet, 5, and Seraphina, 2. "She's always wanted three kids," a source tells Us Weekly. "This was her plan all along."

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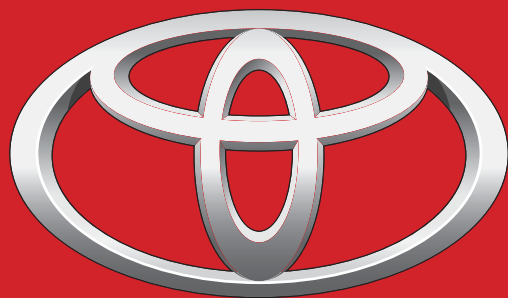
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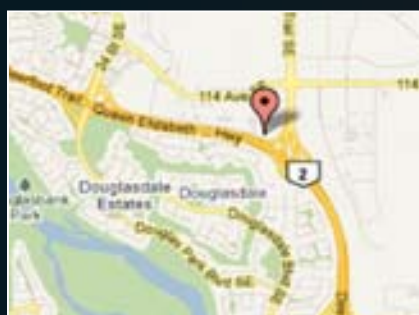
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Iconic building closing its doors



For more than 80 years, the Royal Bank building on St. Jacques Street has graced the Montreal skyline, serving as an opulent temple to commerce and a reminder of the city's glory days as a banking capital. In a few short months, another chapter in Montreal history will close when the Royal Bank shuts its branch in a building that served as its headquarters from 1928 to 1962. When it opened, it was dubbed the tallest building in the British Empire. The elegant main floor of the Florentine palazzo-style skyscraper remains one of Montreal's most popular tourist attractions — but it's not yet clear whether visitors will still be able to access it beyond next spring. Next year's final move, scheduled for April or May, will close a chapter in Montreal's banking history.

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Paris airport brings Star Trek holodeck to terminal with virtual boarding agents.

A land of wonder and Inspiration

► Gabriola Island in B.C. is a magnet for artists, earning it the nickname 'Isle of the Arts'

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► Visitors enjoy the beach on the northern tip of Gabriola Island.

There is immeasurable character and wonder to be discovered in the mystic landscape of Gabriola Island, in the Gulf Islands of British Columbia.

Within minutes of arriving, there's a good chance you'll spot an eagle soaring, watch deer scampering

along the road or pass by the alpaca farm. Ancient petroglyphs are carved into sandstone throughout the island, which is a 20-minute ferry ride from Nanaimo.

There are more than a dozen beaches and ocean-side spots to visit, including

the Malaspina Galleries, a stunning 3.5-metre natural sandstone formation created by years of wave erosion.

But the wondrousness isn't limited to the terrain.

According to the Gabriola Arts Council, the island has the fifth highest concentration of artists in all of Canada. The island is often referred to as the "Isle of the Arts."

"There's a real work ethic amongst the artists here," said Ramsey, who is president of the council. "They go out to their studio on Monday and come out on Friday with a whole body of work done."

Another intriguing characteristic about Gabriola is the high number of vintage cars that are seen during the summer months. Until recently, the local newspaper would publish a feature on a different vehicle every month.

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GABRIOLA ISLAND

A history of hippies

The 4,200 residents who live here emit a laid-back, welcoming vibe.

Resident Kathy Ramsey says not to be surprised if the person working at the checkout of the grocery store is a former rocket scientist.

The eccentricity of the island could be traced back to its history as a hippie colony in the 1960s, when many



Earth-loving wanderers made their way over to live off the land, exploding the population

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► Glassworks artist Tammy Hudgeon is just one of many artists who make Gabriola Island her home.



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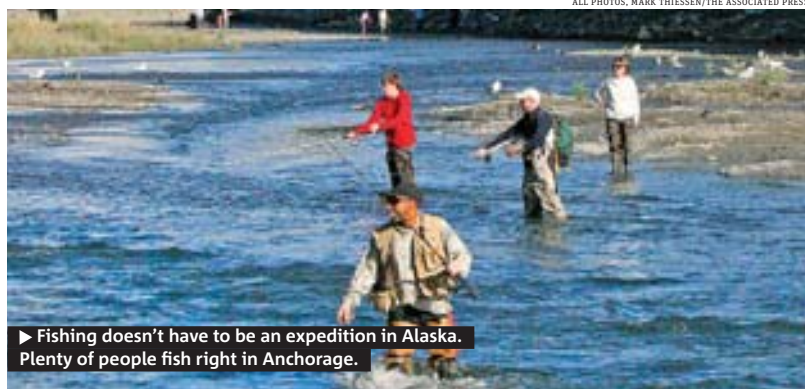
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► Ship Creek, one of Alaska's most popular fishing spots, is located in the heart of downtown Anchorage.

Gone Fishin'

► Welcome to Alaska, where anglers can hook a salmon in the heart of downtown Anchorage

Alaska has some of the most beautiful, remote and prolific fishing spots in the world, but some would be surprised to learn that one of the most popular is in the heart of downtown Anchorage.

"It is unusual. We are right in the middle of a city," said Dan Bosch, the area sport fish manager for Anchorage, North Gulf Coast and Prince William Sound for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

"When most people come to Alaska, they think they got to fly out to go fishing. They think it's going to cost a lot of money," he said.

The fishery serves two purposes, he said. Not everyone can afford these expensive outfitter fishing

trips, but can easily bring a pole to fish downtown.

Also, the stocked fishery from the nearby Elmendorf Hatchery helps relieve some of the pressure from the wild and remote creeks and streams.

The creek, which snakes from the nearby Chugach Mountains to the Knik Arm of Cook Inlet, features two main runs of salmon every summer: king and silver salmon.

"It really is a popular fishery," Bosch said.

With its proximity to downtown, it not only draws locals looking to drop a fishing line, but also tourists to either fish or watch the fishermen gut their take along the bank.

"The hotels right up here, we actually have peo-

ple who stay in the hotels right here who walk down the road, right to the creek and fish in the creek," Bosch said.

Frank Cellini of Philadelphia was fishing on the banks of Ship Creek Monday afternoon with rented boots and a pole. He was in Anchorage for an accounting conference and staying at a downtown hotel, and rented fishing boots and a pole.

While he described the fishing as "pretty good," the silver salmon running in the creek only whetted his appetite to return to Alaska.

"I'd like to go out and catch the bigger salmon," he said while moving to a more advantageous spot upstream.

Locals frequent the creek, too. Kevin Maxwell is a self-described military brat who grew up on a nearby military base. He said his family would often go fishing in Ship Creek instead of driving kilometres to the Kenai Peninsula.

"We could come down here during the week and hit the high or low tide, depending on how we wanted to fish that day," he said.

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Fishy fights

When the fish run is high, it attracts lots of fishermen angling for the best spot on the creek in a phenomenon known as combat fishing, or as Maxwell described it, shoulder-to-shoulder fishing.

"I've seen a lot of fights break out.

"It's usually people, one on one bank, one on the other bank, you know.

"People get mad 'cause you cross lines and they tangle, you know.

"But most of the time, people are pretty friendly. They tend to work together."

At times, that spirit of co-operation helps anglers land a salmon or two.

People who are getting a bird's eye view of the fish from the pedestrian bridge over Ship Creek assist fishermen by telling them where in the river the fish are running.

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Caprese Salad



► The recipe takes 15 minutes to complete and serves 4.

The same combination that makes pizza so irresistible — mozzarella and tomatoes — also makes a mean salad.

And just like a classically delicious pizza, you don't need much beyond those two star ingredients to assemble a stunning salad, known in Italy as a caprese salad.

In this case, we simply stacked slabs of tomato and fresh mozzarella, then drizzled them with a lemon vinaigrette and sprinkled them with fresh basil and lemon zest.

To add a punch of tang to the salad, we added capers to the vinaigrette, as well as a sprinkle of them over the salad just before serving.

Capers are the pickled unopened flower buds of a bush that grows in the Mediterranean. The flavour is pleasantly briny and herby.

Of course, like pizza, feel free to pile on whatever else seems tasty.

Preparation:

- 1 Use a serrated knife to slice each ball of mozzarella into 4 slices. Repeat with the tomatoes, cutting each into 4 slices.

- 2 Stack 2 slices of tomato and 2 slices of mozzarella, alternating as you stack, on each of 4 serving plates. As you stack, season each tomato slice with a pinch of salt and pepper. Set aside.

- 3 In a blender, combine the olive oil, lemon juice and half of the capers. Puree the combination until it is smooth. Season it with salt and pepper.

- 4 Drizzle a bit of the dressing over each mozzarella-tomato stack. Scatter several basil leaves, a few of the remaining capers and a bit of lemon zest over each stack.

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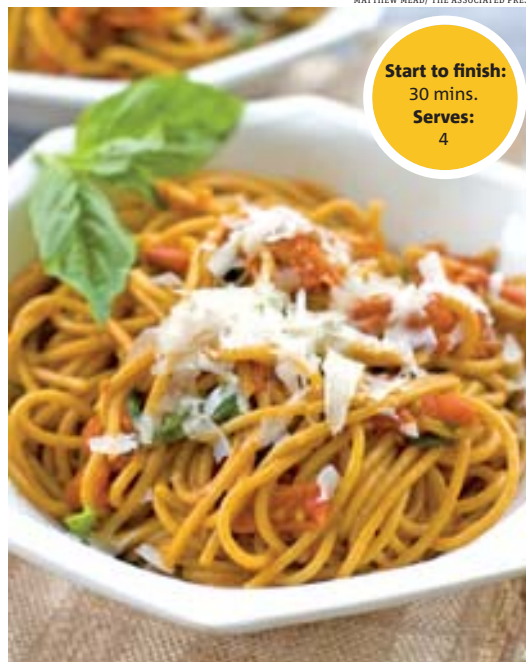
Ingredients:

- Two 250-g (8-oz) balls fresh mozzarella
- 2 large slicing tomatoes
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) olive oil
- Juice and zest of 1 lemon
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) capers, divided
- Handful fresh basil leaves

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- Start with a Caprese Salad of mozzarella & tomatoes
- Move onto a simple & delicious Pasta Pomodoro

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Start to finish:
30 mins.
Serves:
4

Preparation:

- 1 In a large pot, bring 6 l (24 cups) of water to a boil. Add 30 ml (2 tbsp) of salt.

- 2 In non-stick skillet over medium-low, heat 7 ml (1/2 tbsp) of the oil. Add garlic slices and toast,

stirring constantly, for 3 or until lightly browned. Watch closely so garlic doesn't burn. Increase heat to medium, add red pepper flakes and half of the basil leaves. Cook for 30 seconds, then add tomatoes.

Ingredients:

- Salt
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 6 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- Pinch red pepper flakes (peperoncino)
- 16 fresh basil leaves, torn into small pieces, divided
- 1 l (4 cups) very ripe grape tomatoes (about 80 grape tomatoes)
- 250 g (8 oz) dry kamut spaghetti
- Ground black pepper, to taste
- 30 ml (1 oz) Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, freshly grated, divided

- 3 Add pasta to boiling water and cook until al dente according to package directions.

- 4 Meanwhile, toss tomatoes in skillet and cook for 5 minutes or until they start to blister and the skins pop. Mash tomatoes with potato masher or fork to make pulp, then turn off heat. Season lightly with salt and black pepper.

- 5 Drain pasta, reserving 50 ml (1/4 cup) of cooking water. Add pasta and reserved pasta water to tomato mix. Increase heat to medium-high. Add half of cheese. Cook for 2 minutes or until sauce begins to cling to noodles, using a heat-resistant rubber spatula to toss pasta to coat evenly.

- 6 Add remaining basil and olive oil and toss. Add salt and pepper. Divide among 4 plates and sprinkle with remaining cheese. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ROCCO DISPIRITO

Drink of the week

Blueberry-Basil Ricket

- 1 sprig fresh basil
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) sugar
- 60 ml (2 oz) blueberry juice
- 15 ml (1/2 oz) lime juice
- 30 ml (1 oz) gin (optional)
- Ice
- Club soda
- Handful of fresh blueberries

In bottom of highball glass, muddle basil with sugar. Pour in blueberry juice, lime juice and gin (if using) and stir to dissolve sugar. Add ice and club soda, stirring gently. Garnish with blueberries. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ALISON LADMAN



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"Criticism may not be agreeable, but it is necessary."
—Winston Churchill

The above quote is as true at work as it is in life, except that in workplace law there is always an exception. Here is a sampling of some of the questions readers of this column frequently ask and the answers I often provide.

Performance appraisals

When assessing merit, your appraisals matter. When assessing severance, they are mostly irrelevant. This is because poor performance is seldom cause for dismissal. Similarly, there is no such concept as "near cause", which means there is no correlation between your level of performance and the quantum of severance you will ultimately receive. Therefore, if you are fired and it relates to performance, you should receive the same severance as if it did not.

Letters of reference

Employees believe they are always entitled to a reference. However, there is no rule or law compelling a reference, no matter how long or meritorious

your service.

Employment contracts

If there is a written contract, it has to meet a number of tests. You must, at least, be given the opportunity to negotiate or those terms that are punitive may not be enforced later on. This rule also applies during the course of employment, except that something of greater value must also be offered, such as a raise or a promotion, in exchange for a contract. Otherwise, the courts have reasoned, an employer could unilaterally impose new terms, and you would be left without the leverage to negotiate or refuse.

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Risks and rewards

STUDENT VOICE

RAMAN BATTU
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I was just about to complete my Bachelor of Commerce in Marketing from Ryerson University. I started looking for jobs a few months before graduation, but I wasn't prepared for the problems I would face.

I quickly realized that employers didn't care about the marketing courses I had taken, or my GPA. They cared about relevant work experience.

Fortunately, I had some prior experience compared to some graduates but even that was minimal.

With this small experience, I was able to get through to a few second interviews. However, I always heard the same thing when employers were making the final cuts: I didn't get the job because I lacked experience.

It was so frustrating having to convince an employer to give me a chance! How else do they expect any new graduate to gain experience?

Employers can't expect every graduate to be the complete package. We are young, motivated and full of fresh, new ideas!

Employers should take a risk and hire new graduates. It doesn't matter if we haven't worked in a



► Raman Battu

large corporation or do not have a specific skill. We can learn! That's what we have been doing our whole academic careers. Don't undervalue a graduate by thinking there is no time to train them.

Career centres and schools also need to do more to help students by providing them with co-op experience while in school, regardless of their GPA.

Schools should also provide hands-on experience during class time. For example, case studies are a great way to practice new problem solving skills that employers are looking for.

Also, schools should constantly update courses to better assist students. When I graduated in

2010, I learned nothing about social media and its relation to marketing, a knowledge base that would have been highly useful upon graduation.

My recommendation to students would be this: find an internship or part-time position while you're still in school so you can get your foot in the door.

Ask friends, family or your current employer for opportunities that relate to your field. Networking with professors and students while in school can also help you find a job sooner.

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Where Raman is now

I eventually did find a job at a small company through a mutual friend. I appreciated the fact that my employer took the risk to hire me, a new graduate. Having gained more experience, I am currently looking for a marketing position with more responsibilities to help grow my career.

What I learned

Key take-aways from Raman's experience:

► Don't wait until graduation to start searching for meaningful work. Try to secure an internship or part-time work during school so that you're one step ahead of the competition upon graduation.

► Building your network while in school can also help you find a job post-graduation. Your professors can be a great resource when looking for career-related advice.

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Stamkos pulling for Crosby's return

Steven Stamkos says the NHL needs Sidney Crosby.

The Pittsburgh Penguins superstar has been out of action since January with post-concussion syndrome and it was rumoured this week he suffered a setback in his recovery.

Stamkos said it's difficult to see Crosby on the sidelines, both for the health of the league and as a fellow player.

"It'd be tough, we need him. He's the face of the NHL," the Tampa Bay Lightning sniper said yesterday at an NHL fitness camp in Toronto. "It obviously would take away from our game not having him in the lineup, so hopefully everything goes well."

Crosby's agent tried to quell rumours Monday that the centre had cancelled some on-ice workouts and that he wouldn't be ready for training camp next month.

Pat Brisson said in a release the 24-year-old had adjusted his workout schedule and would address his condition at an "appropriate time."

Crosby hasn't appeared in a game since Jan. 5 when he took a blow to the head for a second straight game and was diagnosed with a concussion.

Stamkos, who recently signed a big extension with Tampa Bay, added the amount of concussions in the league is alarming.

"It's scary with the amount of concussions, not only with him, over the past couple years," Stamkos said. "As a fellow player in the league, you want to prevent that sort of thing." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

'This isn't the end,' says Hill after trade

► Jays ship second baseman Aaron Hill and popular infielder John McDonald to Arizona ► 'They were guys that cared,' says Toronto manager John Farrell



► Fans display a banner at the Rogers Centre in Toronto last night after John McDonald and Aaron Hill were traded by the Blue Jays.

Although it's farewell, it might not be goodbye.

"I have not ruled out either player being back here in 2012," Blue Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos said after announcing yesterday that second baseman Aaron Hill and infielder John McDonald had been traded to the Arizona Diamondbacks for second baseman Kelly Johnson.

All three players can be free agents in the off-season.

"This is all I've known, this has been my family," Hill told the media at Rogers Centre before the Blue Jays game with the Kansas City Royals last night. "Like Alex said, I'm

"Not only are you playing for the city of Toronto, but the country of Canada. It's a very special place and it will be missed."

SECOND BASEMAN AARON HILL, AFTER BEING TRADED FROM THE TORONTO BLUE JAYS TO THE ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS YESTERDAY

very open to coming back next year. This isn't the end."

Added McDonald: "I've had a lot of conversations with Alex recently about just that, about continuing to be a Toronto Blue Jay, and that excites me too."

The 29-year-old Johnson, long rumoured to be an Anthopoulos target, has appeared in 114 games for Arizona this season, posting a .209 average with 18 home runs, 49 RBIs and 13 stolen bases.

A first-round pick of the

Atlanta Braves in 2000, Johnson is a career .260 hitter with 89 home runs and 326 RBIs in 758 games.

"He has the ability to get on base, draw some walks and he's got power to all fields," Anthopoulos said. "He'd be the first one to tell you, I'm sure, he's not performing the way he expected to, especially off the year he came off of last year."

Players must clear waivers to be traded after July 31 and Anthopoulos said all the Blue Jays players cleared early in August as a

matter of club policy.

It was at that time that talks with the Diamondbacks on a possible deal started to take place.

Hill has struggled the last two seasons with the Blue Jays, but said he will cherish his time in Toronto, noting the club's bright future.

"This team will win. The way they're going, the direction they're going, with Alex and everybody, I do believe this team will win," Hill said.

Both McDonald and Hill will have a chance to play in the post-season with Arizona in contention for the National League West's title.

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"My mom told me if you're going to leave school to go to the draft, and there is a lockout, I need you to go back to school and continue on with your degree. I was all for it."

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DRAFT PICK TRISTAN THOMPSON, WHO ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY HE WILL RETURN TO HIS STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS DUE TO THE NBA LOCKOUT. THE 20-YEAR-OLD FROM BRAMPTON, ONT., IS GETTING READY FOR A FULL COURSE LOAD AND PRACTISING WITH HIS FORMER LONGHORNS TEAMMATES.

"When it's all said and done, basketball can only do so much for you."

THOMPSON

Canadian little leaguers bow out

Canada is heading home from the Little League World Series with its head held high.

The team from Langley, B.C., lost 4-0 to Japan yesterday in an elimination game.

Canada leaves the tournament with pride after a surprising victory in a

must-win game against nemesis Taiwan and a good effort against Japan.

"We lost to the defending champs 4-0. We held our own," Canadian coach Jason Andrews said when asked how his team handled elimination. "I think we represented very well.

They're very upbeat, very happy with the way they played."

Cole Cantelon allowed four runs in 4 1/2 innings for Canada, which put two runners on in the bottom of the sixth before Connor McCreath grounded out to end the game. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

17 Canada advanced to face Japan after defeating Taiwan 5-3 on Monday. That marked the first time a Canadian team had defeated Taiwan in 17 trips at the Little League World Series.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	77	49	.611	—
Boston	78	50	.609	—
Tampa Bay	69	58	.543	8½
Toronto	65	63	.508	13
Baltimore	49	77	.389	28
CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	70	58	.547	—
Chicago	63	63	.500	6
Cleveland	63	63	.500	6
Minnesota	55	73	.430	15
Kansas City	53	76	.411	17½
WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	74	56	.569	—
Los Angeles	69	59	.539	4
Oakland	58	70	.453	15
Seattle	55	73	.430	18

Yesterday's results

Cleveland 7, Seattle 5, 1st game
Oakland 6, N.Y. Yankees 5
Seattle 12, Cleveland 7, 2nd game
Kansas City 6, Toronto 4
Detroit 2, Tampa Bay 1
Boston 11, Texas 5
Baltimore 8, Minnesota 1
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels

Monday's results

Seattle 3, Cleveland 2
Detroit 5, Tampa Bay 2
Texas 4, Boston 0
Baltimore 4, Minnesota 1

Today's games

Seattle (F.Hernandez 11-11) at Cleveland
(Tomlin 12-6), 12:05 p.m.
Boston (Beckett 10-5) at Texas (M.Harrison 10-8), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Cahill 9-12) at N.Y. Yankees
(Sabathia 17-7), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Hochevar 8-10) at Toronto
(R.Romero 12-9), 7:07 p.m.
Detroit (Scherzer 13-7) at Tampa Bay
(W.Davis 8-7), 7:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Guthrie 5-16) at Minnesota
(Slowey 0-1), 8:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Z.Stewart 1-2) at L.A. Angels
(Weaver 14-6), 10:05 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Oakland at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Minnesota, 1:10 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 1:10 p.m.
Kansas City at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Boston at Texas, 8:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	83	44	.654	—
Atlanta	78	52	.600	6½
Washington	62	65	.488	21
New York	60	68	.469	23½
Florida	57	71	.445	26½
CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	78	53	.595	—
St. Louis	67	62	.519	10
Cincinnati	63	65	.492	13½
Pittsburgh	60	68	.469	16½
Chicago	56	73	.434	21
Houston	42	87	.326	35
WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	70	59	.543	—
San Francisco	68	60	.531	1½
Colorado	62	68	.477	8½
Los Angeles	59	69	.461	10½
San Diego	59	70	.457	11

Yesterday's results

Arizona 2, Washington 0
Milwaukee 11, Pittsburgh 4
Philadelphia 9, N.Y. Mets 4
Cincinnati 8, Florida 6
Atlanta 5, Chicago Cubs 4
L.A. Dodgers 13, St. Louis 2
Colorado 8, Houston 6
San Diego at San Francisco

Monday's results

Milwaukee 8, Pittsburgh 1, 1st game
Washington 4, Arizona 1
Philadelphia 10, N.Y. Mets 0
Atlanta 3, Chicago Cubs 0
L.A. Dodgers 2, St. Louis 1
Pittsburgh 9, Milwaukee 2, 2nd game
Colorado 9, Houston 5

Today's games

Milwaukee (Marcum 11-3) at Pittsburgh
(A.Thompson 0-0), 12:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 6-10) at Philadelphia
(K.Kendrick 7-5), 1:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kuroda 9-14) at St. Louis
(J.Garcia 10-6), 2:15 p.m.
Houston (W.Rodriguez 9-9) at Colorado
(A.Cook 3-7), 3:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (H.Bailey 7-5) at Florida (Vazquez 7-11), 4:10 p.m., 1st game
Arizona (D.Hudson 12-9) at Washington
(L.Hernandez 7-11), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Arroyo 7-10) at Florida (Volstad 5-10), 7:40 p.m., 2nd game
Atlanta (D.Lowe 8-11) at Chicago Cubs
(R.Wells 4-4), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Stauffer 8-9) at San Francisco
(Lincecum 11-10), 10:15 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Atlanta at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Arizona at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Florida, p.p.d., rain
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.
Houston at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

ROYALS 6, BLUE JAYS 4

Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
AGordn lf	5	0	1	0	YEscor ss	4	1	2	3
McCarr cf	5	0	1	0	ETHms lf	4	1	1	0
Butler dh	5	1	1	1	Bautist rf	4	0	0	0
Hosmer 1b	5	2	3	1	Lind 1b	4	0	1	1
Franc rf	5	1	4	0	Encnc dh	4	0	0	0
Giavill 2b	4	2	2	2	Rasm cf	3	0	0	0
Getz 2b	1	0	0	0	Teahen ph	1	0	0	0
S.Perez c	5	0	2	2	Lawrie 3b	3	0	0	0
Mostks 3b	3	0	2	0	JMolin c	3	1	1	0
AEscor ss	4	0	0	0	McCoy 2b	2	1	1	0
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Kansas City	7	2	3	4	3	1
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G.Holland H,13	1	3	1	0	0	0
Soria S,23-30	1	2	1	1	0	2
Toronto	4	2	3	11	6	1
Morrow L,9-8	4	2	3	11	6	1
Ledezma	1	1	0	0	0	1
Carreno	3	1	3	4	0	0
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BLUE JAYS STATISTICS

BATTERS	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	AVG
Lawrie	55	8	18	3	10	.327
Bautista	396	91	126	36	80	.318
Molina	129	17	39	2	11	.302
Escobar	450	68	129	10	41	.287
Encarnacion	369	55	103	12	39	.279
Thames	228	36	61	8	27	.268
Lind	396	49	104	22	72	.263
McDonald	168	19	42	2	20	.250
Davis	320	44	76	1	29	.238
Hill	396	38	89	6	45	.225
Rasmus	85	11	19	3	12	.224
McCoy	81	11	18	1	5	.222
Arencibia	347	38	74	19	57	.213
Teahen	133	12	25	4	12	.188
PITCHERS	W	L	SV	IP	SO	ERA
McCoy	0	0	0	1.0	0	0.00
Janssen	4	0	2	41.0	42	2.20
Romero	12	9	0	175.0	147	2.73
Perez	3	2	0	49.2	41	3.26
Francisco	1	4	0	103.2	40	4.06
Litsch	4	3	1	59.2	51	4.22
Cecil	4	6	0	91.1	64	4.24
Villanueva	6	3	0	97.2	63	4.24
Alvarez	0	1	0	16.2	10	4.32
Morrow	9	7	0	132.2	154	4.41
Rauch	5	4	11	50.1	35	4.47
Camp	1	2	1	53.1	26	4.56
Ledezma	0	0	0	3.0	5	9.00
Lewis	0	0	0	0.1	0	27.00

LACROSSE

MINTO CUP CANADIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

At Okotoks, Alta.
Last night's results
Whitby 19 Edmonton 3
Coquitlam 12 Okotoks 1
Tonight's game
Semifinal
Second vs. Third Places, 10 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE									
	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt		
Columbus	25	11	7	7	29	24	40		
Kansas City	25	9	7	9	36	31	36		
Houston	26	8	7	11	34	32	35		
Philadelphia	24	8	6	10	30	24	34		
New York	26	6	6	14	41	37	32		
D.C. United	24	7	7	10	34	35	31		
Chicago	25	3	7	15	28	33	24		
New England	26	4	11	11	26	39	23		
Toronto	27	4	12	11	25	48	23		

WESTERN CONFERENCE									
	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt		
Los Angeles	26	14	3	9	37	20	51		
Seattle	26	12	5	9	36	27	45		
Dallas	26	12	7	7	33	27	43		
Colorado	27	10	6	11	39	34	41		
Real Salt Lake	23	10	7	6	32	20	36		
Chivas USA	25	7	8	10	32	28	31		
Portland	25	8	12	5	32	41	29		
San Jose	25	5	10	10	26	34	25		
Vancouver	25	3	13	9	26	42	18		

Note: Three points for a win, one for a tie.
Tonight's game
Chivas USA at Portland, 11 p.m.
Saturday's games
Columbus at Seattle, 4 p.m.
San Jose at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Houston at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
Portland at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Los Angeles at New York, 7 p.m.
New England at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

ENGLAND
LEAGUE CUP
FIRST ROUND
Yesterday's results
Crystal Palace 2, Crawley 0
Bristol Rovers 1, Watford 1, Bristol advanced
4-2 on penalty kicks
Charlton 2, Reading 1
Second Round
Aston Villa 2, Hereford 0
Bournemouth 1, West Bromwich Albion 4
Brighton 1, Sunderland 0, OT
Burnley 3, Barnet 2, OT
Bury 2, Leicester 4
Cardiff 5, Huddersfield 3, OT
Doncaster 1, Leeds 2
Millwall 2, Morecambe 0
Northampton 0, Wolverhampton Wanderers 4
Norwich 0, MK Dons 4
Queens Park Rangers 0, Rochdale 2
Shrewsbury 3, Swansea 1
Wycombe 1, Nottingham Forest 4

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SCOTLAND

LEAGUE CUP

SECOND ROUND

Yesterday's results

Morton 3, St. Mirren 4
Aberdeen 1, Dundee 0
Airdrie 2, Raith 0
East Fife 2, Dunfermline 1
Hamilton 1, Ross County 2
Hibernian 5, Berwick 0
Queen of the South 3, Forfar 0

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CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Yesterday's results
APOEL (Cyprus) 3 Wisla Krakow (Poland) 1
(APOEL advances on 3-2 aggregate)
Genk (Belgium) 2 Maccabi Haifa (Israel) 1 (extra time)
(aggregate 3-3 and 1-1 on away goals; Genk advances 4-1 on penalties)
Malmo (Sweden) 2 Dinamo Zagreb (Croatia) 0
(Dinamo advances 4-3)
Villarreal (Spain) 3 Odense (Denmark) 0
(Villarreal advances 3-1)
Zurich (Switzerland) 0 Bayern Munich (Germany) 1
(Bayern Munich advances 3-0)

GOLF

WEEKEND GLANCE

PGA TOUR

FEDEX CUP PLAYOFFS

THE BARCLAYS

Site: Edison, N.J.

Schedule: Tomorrow-Sunday.

Television: Golf Channel (Tomorrow-Friday, 3-6 p.m.; Saturday, 1-2:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon(equals)1:30 p.m.) and CBS (Saturday, 3-6 p.m.; Sunday, 2-6 p.m.).
Online: www.pgatour.com

LPGA TOUR

CANADIAN WOMEN'S OPEN

Site: Mirabel, Quebec.

Schedule: Tomorrow-Sunday.

Television: Golf Channel (Tomorrow, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Saturday, midnight-2 a.m., 3-6 p.m.; Sunday, 2-6 p.m.).
Online: www.lpga.com
Tournament site: www.cncanadianwomensopen.com

CHAMPIONS TOUR

BOEING CLASSIC

Site: Snoqualmie, Wash.

Schedule: Friday-Sunday.

Television: Golf Channel (Friday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Saturday, 6:30-9:30 p.m.; Sunday, 7-9:30 p.m.).
Online: www.pgatour.com

EUROPEAN TOUR

JOHNNIE WALKER CHAMPIONSHIP

Site: Perthshire, Scotland.

Schedule: Tomorrow-Sunday.

Television: Golf Channel (Tomorrow-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 a.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-noon).
Online: www.europeantour.com

NATIONWIDE TOUR

NEWS SENTINEL OPEN

Site: Knoxville, Tenn.

Schedule: Tomorrow-Sunday.

Television: None.

Online: www.pgatour.com

BASEBALL

LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

At South Williamsport, Pa.

Yesterday's results

Consolation

Cumberland, R.I. 8 Rotterdam, Netherlands 7

Elimination Playoffs

Hamamatsu City, Japan 4 Langley, B.C. 0

Clinton County, Pa. vs. Warner Robins, Ga.

TENNIS

ATP WORLD TOUR

WINSTON-SALEM OPEN

At WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.

Singles

Second Round

John Isner (4), U.S., def. Dudi Sela, Israel, 7-6 (3), 6-2.
Nikolay Davydenko (5), Russia, def. Michael Russell, U.S., 6-2, 6-2.
Juan Monaco (7), Argentina, def. Tobias Kamke, Germany, 7-5, 6-0.
Robin Haase (10), Netherlands, def. James Blake, U.S., 6-4, 6-1.
Steve Darcis, Belgium, def. Dmitry Tursunov (11), Russia, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3.
Kei Nishikori, Japan, def. Pablo Andujar (12), Spain, 7-6 (3), 6-2.
Grigor Dimitrov (14), Bulgaria, def. Donald Young, U.S., 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 (2).
Julien Benneteau, France, def. Igor Kunitsyn (16), Russia, 6-3, 6-1.

WTA NEW HAVEN OPEN

Spacious coupe

As a four-door wearing a two-door's body, the tester offered up a surprisingly generous back seat, easy entry and exit, a massive trunk, and a great forward view of the road.

No issue with space on board for a four-person road trip, and up front, the driver and passenger could easily forget they aren't simply in a sedan.

Typical coupe-related compromises are largely eliminated, here.

Interior

Most will find the cabin styling modest and plain, an attribute embodied most heavily in the graphics of the infotainment system which are on par with the average gas station ATM machine.

This part of the Accord is in dire need of an update.

Engine

Under the testers' hood, Honda's 3.5-litre SOHC V6 engine dispenses 271 horsepower to the front wheels, thanks in part to the automaker's proven VTEC valve timing system. Among other things, VTEC ramps up engine output and sound effects at higher revs, creating a delightfully peaky power-curve.

Honda's proven J35 Z3 powerplant sounds fantastic, loves to work and moves the Accord Coupe along like absolute heck.

A six-speed manual transmission took centre stage within the tester. It offered up a fairly slick shift action despite a longer throw, as well as a light and easygoing clutch.



► Though the Accord Coupe doesn't have the world's sportiest shifter, it is easy to bang some gears and get this rocket coupe blasting along so quickly the tires can barely keep up. Torque steer is present though well managed, and in all, it's an entertaining and delightful drivetrain to put through its paces.

Family-car roots shine through in Accord Coupe



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With Honda greats like the Prelude, NSX, S2000 and CRX all retired to that great big sports-car graveyard in the sky, it's now the Honda Accord V6 Coupe that stands as the brand's ultimate performance offering. This two-door version of Honda's elemental family sedan has recently been updated in

the cosmetic department, and now looks more alert, sharp and aggressive.

That's slightly more fitting, perhaps, for a performance flagship riding the same platform as one of the most sensible family rides on the road.

When driving, handling of the Accord is tidy overall, though enthusiast drivers will likely wish for a little less body roll, a little quicker steering and some

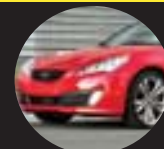
more aggressive tires. The Accord Coupe isn't a handling monster first and foremost, but it's entertaining to push hard, not to mention comfortable, compliant and relatively quiet during cruising.

End of the day, the Accord Coupe's surprising sensibility, as well as Honda's reputation for reliability, quality and residual value will be big draws here.



5 drive

By comparison



Hyundai Genesis Coupe

Shopping? Be sure to check out the Hyundai Genesis 3.8 GT Coupe, too. For a few dollars more than the loaded Accord V6 tester, it offers up a Limited Slip Differential (LSD), Brembo brakes, and more dramatic looks. **JUSTIN PRITCHARD**



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► That's the tagline for Forza Motorsport 4 ► But what makes this game different than others?



The developers behind Forza Motorsport 4 are widening their scope with the release of their new simulation racing game.

If you're a hardcore video gamer, they're aiming to please you. But they also stress that even if you're a novice gamer, yet have a passion for cars, you should really take notice.

"Our goal with Forza 4 is to turn car lovers into gamers, and gamers into car lovers," said Brian Ekberg, community manager for Turn 10 Studios, the developer behind the game. Ekberg was in Toronto last week promoting the game at an Xbox 360 holiday preview event.

Exclusive to the 360, the upcoming instalment of the popular Forza series is set for an Oct. 11 release.



► The Jaguar XFR is pictured in a screenshot from the Xbox 360's Forza Motorsport 4.

When a new Forza game comes out, it's usually considered a big deal — for Xbox owners, at least — as the series has garnered critical acclaim. Forza Motorsport 3, which was released in 2009, notched Best Driving Game awards from USA

Today and IGN, in addition to a Game of the Year nod from The Associated Press.

One of the big advancements in Forza 4 is the inclusion of the all-new Autovista Mode. Described by Ekberg as a "virtual showroom," the mode, which is exclusive to the game, allows players to examine real-life cars just as if they were viewing them at a dealership — a really expensive dealership that is.

The Ferrari 458 Italia, Ferrari California, and McLaren F1 are just a few of the cars to be featured in this mode.

"It's a way to experience cars in a way you've never been able to do so

before," said Ekberg.

Paired with the 360's motion-sensing Kinect device, players in Autovista can move their body left or right and the camera will move the same way around the car. With no controller required, they can physically crouch down to check out the wheels, open the doors to look inside the car, or even pop the hood to check out the engine. As well, players can place their hand over certain "points of interest," and it'll bring up information about the cars.

"If you're a car lover, you can come to Autovista Mode and find out about and really appreciate these

cars and maybe learn something you didn't already know," said Ekberg. "If you're not a big car fan, we want you to come to this mode, learn about cars and maybe that blossoms into a car passion throughout the rest of your life."

While Autovista Mode is a nice addition to the game, at its heart Forza is a racing game, and Ekberg says it won't disappoint in that regard.

A new lighting engine has been added to enhance the game's silky-smooth graphics, while the Kinect will be integrated into the driving experience by allowing players to move the camera by simply tilting their head.

Getting it right

To create the realistic race tracks featured in the game, Turn 10 photographed, filmed and GPS-ed different locales in the world. Ekberg says that attention was paid to even the smallest details, such as creating blinding snow effects in some tracks, for example.

The developer has also partnered with Pirelli, gaining full access to the company's tire data. The desired goal was to achieve a driving dynamic that closely mirrors real-life cars and their interaction with the roads.

"We take our physics seriously," said Turn 10's Brian Ekberg. "We spent an incredible amount of investment into our physics, because we believe it's important to be as realistic and as true to life as we possibly can."

While many simulation racing games can seem intimidating to new players, Ekberg says his team ensured that Forza 4 is different. The game does have a new simulation steering mode that is designed for "hardcore people," but gamers on the opposite end of the spectrum will be looked after as well.

"Depending on your skill level, you can still have a good time with this game," Ekberg said.

● DAVID SINGH



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GRAND OPEN-AIR CONCEPT POINTS TO CADILLAC'S FUTURE

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Cadillacs of yesteryear were big, imposing expressions of American affluence and confidence. Mobsters, movie stars and other big shots loved them, and used them to extend their A-type personalities.

Then something happened during the 1970s. They lost their Mojo and starting hanging out with the wrong crowd — retired Floridians who favoured white golfing

slacks and/or dinner theatre.

Cadillac gradually got its 'cred back, mostly through a very successful new exterior design language called Art and Science, which debuted on the original CTS in 2002. Those sharp angles and crisp lines were not universally loved, but they definitely gave Cadillac a decisive and modern personality.

What's next?

Well, we now have some idea, thanks to the unveiling of the Ciel concept, at last weekend's Concours d'Elegance classic car show at the Pebble Beach country club in California.

I wasn't there, which is just as well, because we all know that part of California just sucks (OK, maybe some sour grapes talking).

But we have pictures and they reveal that the Ciel — French for sky and pronounced "C-L" — is evolving Cadillac's Art and Science design toward a



► Behold the Cadillac Ciel — pronounced "C-L," the French translation for sky.

more flowing direction. Not quite a river, but definitely less geometry class.

The other intent of Ciel is to announce that Cadillac is anxious to once again have a big halo type vehicle in its portfolio, which it could stack against the range-topping models from rivals BMW and Mercedes-Benz (7 Series and S Class Sedans, respectively).

As such Ciel is big. It sits

on a 125-inch wheelbase, and is 12 inches longer than Cadillac's current biggest sedan, the CTS. The "open air grand tourer" body style, complete with suicide doors, is purposefully extravagant, as are the interior accoutrements and conveniences.

The hybrid powerplant is a sign of the times: 3.6-litre V6 with twin turbochargers,

lithium-battery powered electric motor.

"The Ciel is about the romance of the drive," noted Clay Dean, Cadillac's global design director.

"It emulates the great touring cars seen on the greens at Pebble Beach, but with a more modern flair that projects Cadillac's vision for the future."

Unfortunately the total topless Ciel is a bit too

Ciel conveniences

- Generous room for two couples.
- Extensive use of Italian olive wood.
- Automatically-retracting "blankets."
- Door storage inspired by premium handbags and their high-quality zippers.
- All seats can be cooled and heated, and feature a drawer containing sun lotion, sun glasses and towels.
- Aromatherapy controlled by rear armrest.

out there for production.

Only the styling cues and some finishes, like the vintage wood treatment and Cabernet paint job will make it into production. (The latter inspired by the "rich translucence of a glass of red wine held up to the sunlight.")

But good on Cadillac for shooting big. Ciel is a nice shot.

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Cars that use battery power are becoming more common, but not all of them are meant to run silently on electricity alone. Some automakers, including GM, are adding electric motors to gasoline engines to provide a conventional level of power with lower fuel consumption.

A new system called eAssist will be available later this year on the 2012 Buick LaCrosse and Regal.

"It will be more than a 25 per cent (fuel economy) improvement over the 2011," says Daryl Wilson, lead development engineer for LaCrosse and Regal eAssist.

The vast majority of the improvement will be from the eAssist, and the rest from aerodynamic improvements and more fuel-efficient tires.

Called "light electrification" technology, the system includes a small electric motor-generator attached to the gasoline engine, and a 29-kilogram power pack containing a lithium-ion battery and power inverter.

When you're driving a conventional car and you press the throttle to get more power, such as when passing, the engine works harder and so uses more fuel. With eAssist, the electric motor provides up to 15 horsepower to the engine, which doesn't have to



► The eAssist system.

work as hard. Since electric motors make their full power as soon as they start up — as opposed to a gasoline engine, which has to rev up — that extra boost of power is immediately available when you press the throttle.

Like a hybrid, the eAssist system shuts off the gasoline engine at idle, such as when sitting at a red light (the lights, heater and stereo continue to operate) and starts it up again when you're ready to take off.

"Another key feature is that we cut fuel to the engine during deceleration," Wilson says.

"We do this at high speeds in all GM cars, but this one can be done right down to zero, enabled by the ability to smooth torque disturbances with the electric motor as you're getting down to lower speeds."

While eAssist can't run the car on battery alone, it's not as complex or expensive as a full hybrid system.

The battery, generally the priciest component, is about one-third the size of a typical hybrid battery, Wilson says, "and the elec-

tric motor is also significantly smaller. We're able to pack that where an alternator normally goes, which requires less infrastructure and change to integrate it."

The eAssist system doesn't get plugged into a wall outlet. Instead, the system recharges itself by capturing energy during deceleration and braking, and converting it to electricity that's stored in the battery.

The main thing, Wilson says, is that although the car is electrically assisted, it feels virtually the same as driving a regular Buick.

Assists

- There are several types of hybrid systems. "Full" systems can run the car on battery power alone, while "mild" or "light" systems only use the battery to assist the gasoline engine.
- The eAssist's lithium-ion battery contains 32 cells, each about the size of a Red Bull can.
- Start-stop functions, which shut off the gas engine at idle, are common on many non-hybrid cars in Europe and are starting to appear in North America.

This used Pontiac can get you fly like a G6

SECOND GEAR



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Replacing the popular Grand Am, Pontiac's 2005 G6 hit the market in 2004 with the promise of better quality, performance, looks and dynamics than its predecessor.

By doing away with the Grand Am nameplate, the now-extinct American brand was clearly aiming for a new beginning in the G6's segment — and had their eyes on taking a piece of the pie from the Japanese competition.

Coupe, sedan and convertible models were available, as were numerous trim levels and options packages to fit a variety of needs.

2006 to 2011 Pontiac G6



Engine

Look for G6 with a 3.5-L V6 with 200 horsepower, a 2.4-L four-cylinder with 169 horsepower, and two up-level V6 engines displacing 3.6 and 3.9-litres and generating 242 or 240 horsepower.



What owners like

Owners taking to the Internet to share experiences typically rave about styling, overall value, ride quality, and decent fuel mileage with any of the "smaller" engines. Comments like "fun to drive," "sharp looking," and "sporty" are common.



What owners dislike

Complaints tend to centre around lower-than-expected cabin build quality and materials selection, some noises as the G6 ages, and a rattly sunroof. Some wish for better gas mileage from the larger engines.



Common issues

Well-documented problems with the G6's electric power steering may result in a loss of power steering assist — meaning the steering could become stiff and feel "locked up" at speed.

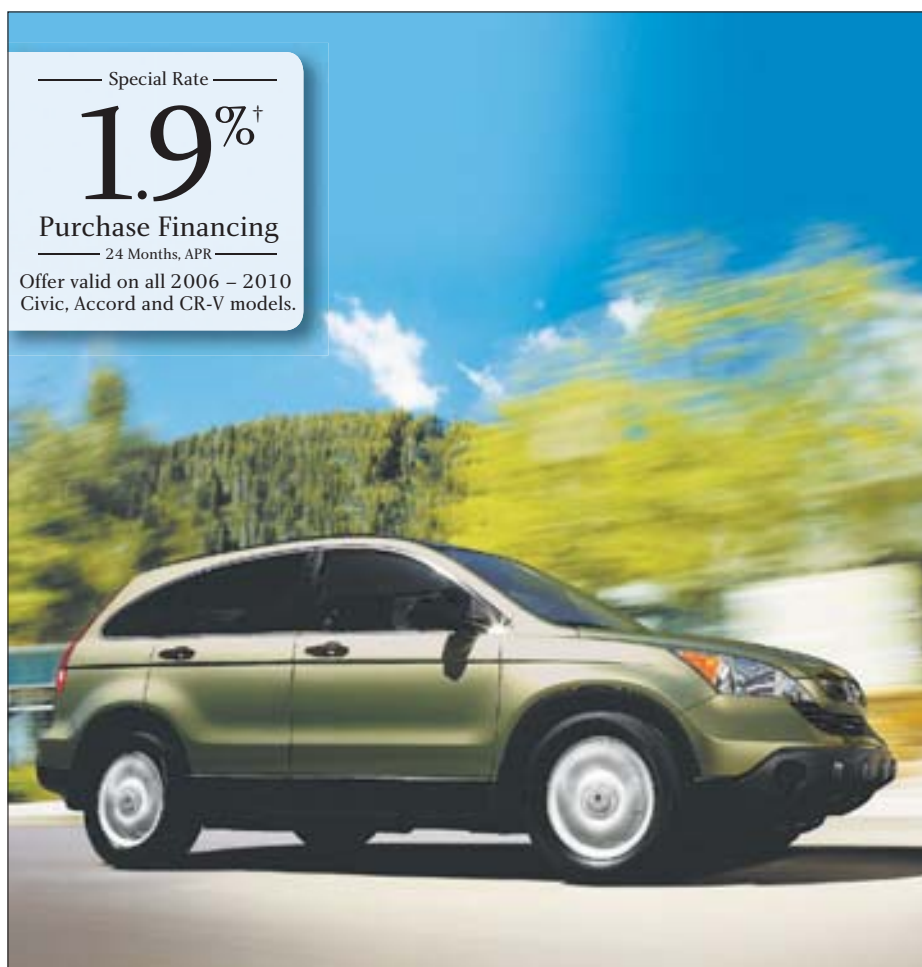
This safety issue was addressed by a service bulletin, and any GM mechanic should be able to check and replace the troublesome parts.

A check of the vehicle's suspension and front-end is also advised.

Verdict

Opt for a newer, used G6, and you'll likely find an affordable, solid and sporty driving companion.

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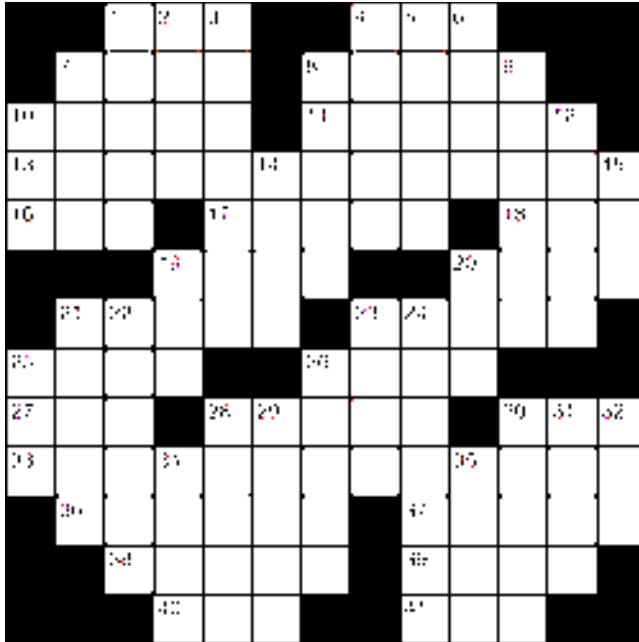
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Across

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 4 Suntan lotion abbr.
 7 Earth
 8 Wall art
 10 Rock
 11 Egyptian under-world god
 13 "Monopoly" property
 16 High points
 17 Glover or DeVito
 18 Yea canceler
 19 His and —
 20 "— Only Just Begun"
 21 Battle reminders
 23 Hotel accommodation
 25 Laugh-a-minute
 26 King —
 27 Blunder
 28 Biscotti flavoring
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 40 "Science Guy" Bill
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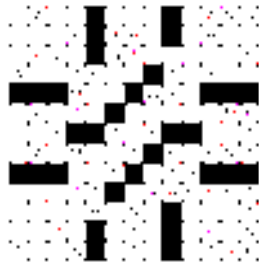
Down

- 1 Crazy birds
 2 "— She Sweet?"
 3 Bartender's need
 4 Soap star Lucci
 5 — to (in on)
 6 Bus rider's pay
 7 Dance lesson
 8 Early periods
 9 Common finch
 10 "Law & Order: —" enemy ... and he —":
 12 Debonair
 14 Galley lineup
 15 22-Down's location
 19 Chapeau
 20 Puke
 21 Temptress
 22 Pupil's coat
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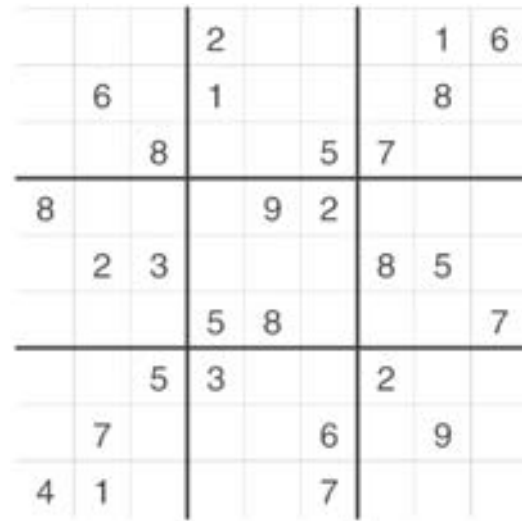


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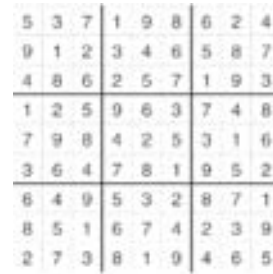
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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer



A look at the weather

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Min 11° Max 28°	Min 13° Max 24°	Min 11° Max 23°

Andrew Schultz, Meteorologist

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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Those who think you lack imagination will be forced to think again.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 There may be something you're desperate to say. If you're smart, you will hold off for a few more days.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 As usual, you are ahead of your time. As usual others will struggle to keep up. Roll with it.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Your latest idea may be brilliant but how are you going to make it pay? Give it some thought today.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 No matter how set in your ways you may be, you will do something out of character today.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Your ego is a bit fragile. That will change dramatically in 48 hours.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You know what you want to do but you don't know if you have what it takes to make a success of it.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You need to get out of the mental rut you've somehow become stuck in.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Keep one eye on the news today because a new idea could inspire you to change your life.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You can do no wrong at the moment, so feel free to take risks.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Because you're so quick to spot new trends, so look for ways to make your insight pay off.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Your heightened sense of awareness will help you see patterns and meanings.

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